

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Sven Christiansen plc designs and manufactures attractive, functional and reliable high quality office furniture. We are wholly UK owned and based, with manufacturing facilities in the West Midlands and showrooms and offices in London and Surrey. The Directors recognise that the quality of our products and services and their impact on the environment are paramount in achieving total customer satisfaction and shall therefore remain the Company's highest priorities.

Certification

- We hold certification to ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System) as an integrated management system with our current ISO 9001 certification.
- We hold an FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Chain of Custody certificate covering all our MFC ranges. We are currently working to increase the scope of our FSC CoC – further details on request.

Buildings

- Our new head office is an environmentally outstanding conversion of an early 15th century threshing barn. Court Barn now incorporates under-floor ground-source heating and a rainwater harvesting system.

Waste Management

- We recycle our paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium waste.
- Having evaluated all our waste streams, we segregate and dispose of through the correct channels all hazardous classified wastes created in the manufacturing process as well as office wastes such as batteries, aerosols, bulbs etc generated in all three locations.
- All IT & electrical equipment is disposed of in accordance with the WEEE Regulations. All print cartridges are donated to local charities for recycling.
- We re-use whenever possible undamaged packaging that is returned from our installations, including cardboard, plastic corner protectors, crates, foam edge protectors and timber packaging and protection.

Manufacturing Processes

- Full reviews are carried out on all processes and materials that might affect the environment with the intention of eliminating or reducing their impact wherever possible.
- We give consideration in all areas of the organisation to the environment and the health and safety of our employees.
- All our employees are aware that they are responsible for, and have an influence on, our impact on the environment.
- We have installed noise reduction equipment on our dust extraction plant.

Energy

- We have installed a wood burning furnace with clean-air afterburners, which disposes of much of our waste board and extracted dust. The furnace reduces the amount of waste timber going to landfill and also provides heating to the Mill and Spray shops.
- We have installed invertors to our main dust extraction fans, linking fan speeds to extraction demands, thus reducing energy consumption.

Emissions

- We have reduced our emissions of VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds) by changing to water based lacquers wherever possible and as a result are well below our emission limit allocation. We are continuing to test and are committed to being fully water based on standard products as soon as the technology will allow.

Materials

- We hold an FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Chain of Custody certificate covering all our MFC ranges. We are currently working to increase the scope of our FSC CoC – further details on request.
- We are promoting Bamboo veneers as an alternative to timber within to our range of finishes. Bamboo is a fast growing grass and offers a number of environmental benefits over timber.
- All our timber materials are sourced in compliance with the EU Timber Regulations.
- Plastics wherever possible are either recycled and/or recyclable.
- MSDS data for all materials covered under the COSHH Regulations are assessed and action put in place to either replace with a lower risk material or to control to ensure risks reduced or minimised.

Procurement Policy

- Suppliers are selected based on their quality, service, price and environmental credentials.
- Suppliers are reviewed at least annually to ensure they are meeting our requirements.

Transport Management

- Our transport planning seeks to minimise the environmental impact of our operations through very careful planning and routing.
- All commercial vehicles meet the Euro 5 emission standard.

Should you have any questions regarding our Environmental Management System please contact our Quality Manager on 01384 400120.